



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer

DATE: May 2, 2007

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(b): Consideration of resolution amending Resolution No. 06-37 to authorize entering into a license agreement to allow Pardee Homes to conduct a mitigation and monitoring plan on a 230 acre open space dedication lot in Violin Canyon, County of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution amending Resolution No. 06-37 to authorize entering into a license agreement to allow Pardee Homes to conduct a mitigation and monitoring plan on a 230 acre open space dedication lot in Violin Canyon, County of Los Angeles.

Background: In March 2006, the Governing Board approved the acceptance of a 230 acre open space dedication from Pardee Homes, adjacent to their Violin Canyon development, near Stevenson Ranch and the City of Santa Clarita.

As part of the conditional approval of the development, Pardee has been required to prepare and carry out a restoration and monitoring plan in impacted areas considered biologically sensitive.

The plan includes portions of the 230 acre open space lot that the MRCA has agreed to accept. The proposed license agreement would allow Pardee and their contractors to enter on the MRCA's property for the purpose of completing the required mitigation as well as ongoing monitoring of the progress.

The license agreement would require Pardee to name the MRCA as an insured party and indemnify the MRCA for any claims stemming from its actions on MRCA property. The term of the license would expire once the all work required under the plan is completed.

A map of the open space lot and the proposed license agreement are attached.